



Ballistic Missile Defense Information Resource Center Visitor Guide

About the BIRC

The BMD Information Resource Center (BIRC) supports the BMDO mission by providing scientific & technical information, current awareness products, and research assistance.

BIRC resources and services are available to BMDO staff and contractors, as well as to the staff and contractors of any other federal organization charged with a missile defense responsibility.

Outside visitors (subject to approval) are welcome to use the resources available in the public Reading Room, an entirely unclassified/unlimited area. Visitors other than BMDO staff will be asked to complete a brief **Visitor Registration** form.

Visitors who need to access classified material are asked to schedule their visit in advance, as appropriate need-to-know authorization must be established. Contractors headquartered outside the Pentagon may also be required to send a **Visit Authorization Request (VAR)** if seeking to access classified material.

The BIRC is located in the Pentagon's Arlington Annex (formerly known as the Navy Annex), at the intersection of Columbia Pike and Southgate Road, a short bus ride from the Pentagon.

For outside visitors not familiar with Pentagon protocol, a call to the BIRC is recommended before making a visit. Faxed directions and parking regulations are available on request.

The BIRC Collection

Technical Reports – both classified and unclassified – form the largest part of the BIRC's collection. Besides about 15,000 documents originated by BMDO, the collection includes several thousand technical reports from the various military services, other defense agencies, federal research labs and defense data centers.

The BIRC has a small **book** collection covering subjects such as missile defense technologies, nuclear deterrence and international relations.

The **periodical** collection holds more than 30 leading defense news publications and a small number of technical journals, including:

- *Defense News*
- *Defense Week*
- *Inside the Pentagon*
- *Inside Missile Defense*
- *Jane's Defence Weekly*
- *Jane's Missiles & Rockets*
- *AIAA Journal of Spacecraft & Rockets*
- *IEEE Transactions on Aerospace & Electronic Systems*

The BIRC also subscribes to numerous web-based sources, including Lexis-Nexis, World News Connect (WNC), and *Congressional Quarterly's* online service, CQ.com.

A CD-ROM collection of military specifications and standards rounds out the collection.

BIRC Publications

The *FOCUS*

A Newsletter for the BMD Enterprise

Published monthly, the *FOCUS* has a readership of approximately 500, including subscribers from BMDO and other Federal defense agencies; defense contractors; privately funded policy institutes (think tanks); members of the press; the U.S. Congress; and academia. Regularly recurring features include:

- New or expanded BIRC services
- Newly-acquired books & technical reports
- Interviews with BMDO officials
- Guest articles from BMD experts
- Upcoming BMD-related conferences

Issues of the *FOCUS* are posted on the BMD Enterprise Portal. Individual e-mail distribution is available on request to all approved BIRC users.

The *UPDATE*

A Digest of Article Citations

Published weekly, the *Update* serves a current awareness purpose with brief citations of BMD-related articles collected over the past week from the BIRC's journal collection.

Full-text paper copies of articles summarized in the *Update* are on file at the BIRC, and can be read or copied in the BIRC's Reading Room.

The *Update*, like the *FOCUS*, is posted on the BMD Enterprise Portal or distributed by e-mail on request.

WATCHLIST Service

The BIRC offers members of BMDO staff a daily news watch delivered by e-mail, and tailored to individual interests. With more than 50 subscribers, the Watchlist is currently covering about 200 topics, keywords and concepts, in such categories as:

- Countries (Iraq, North Korea, China)
- Threats (WMD, NBC, Terrorism)
- Treaties (ABM, START, CTBT)
- Missile programs (THAAD, PAC-3)
- Technologies (Laser/Radar, C4ISR)
- Counterintelligence activities
- Congressional Testimony

Bidders' Libraries

The BIRC assembles and operates Bidders' Libraries in support of BMDO procurements. The availability of a Bidders' Library will be announced in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) or posted on the BMDO Acquisition Reporting Bulletin Board (BARBB).

Instructions for access to the Bidders' Library will be included in the Request for Proposal (RFP), and potential bidders can call the BIRC to schedule a visit. Self-service photocopying is available.

The BIRC follows DoD guidance regarding limitations imposed on access to a Bidders' Library. Any DoD-imposed restrictions for photocopying the material will be monitored by the BIRC, following the direction of the Procuring Contracting Office (PCO).

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